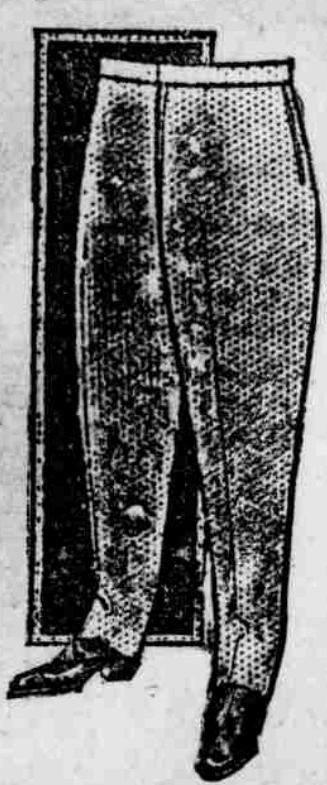


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With every Suit or Overcoat you order at our tailor shop you get an extra pair of \$5.00 Trousers made to your measure free. Or a Fancy Vest of same value if you prefer it.

We bought all the remnants, mill ends, sample lengths and last bolts of discontinued patterns from several large woolen mills. Same goods exactly that small tailors buy from jobbers in suit and pant patterns. We buy in carload lots—for half, and less than half what one-shop tailors pay.

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WOULD ABOLISH DISTRICT SCHOOL SYSTEM ENTIRELY

Special Commission Reports to the Legislature Against Present School System.

Would Make Towns Supreme in Control—State Should Exert its Right to Provide Proper School Facilities for All Children—What Commission Recommends.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 2.—More radical in its recommendations, and more denunciatory of certain phases of school conditions in Connecticut than anything of the kind that has come out on this question in many years, the report of the special Joint Committee on Education appointed by the last General Assembly to investigate the public school system in Connecticut today handed its report to the state legislature. Striking, as it does, a heavy blow at the town control of schools, as an outcropping of Connecticut's town system whereby small places are as well represented in the House as larger ones, the report was eagerly sought and read by members from the rural districts which were particularly assailed.

The report is signed by the five members appointed by the Joint Committee to make an investigation. Daniel S. Luther, president of Trinity College; Charles H. Tibbitts, Moses E. Banks, Frank R. Warren and Luther K. Zabriske, all of the rural districts.

The primary recommendation of the report reads:

"1.—That after a certain date the present district system be abolished, that town school committees be created, and that the towns be grouped so as to constitute territories for convenient supervision."

The other important recommendations are contingent on this one, the whole tenor of it being that the State should exert its right to give proper school training to children, as such is being done under the present system.

After telling of its work of investigation and outlining the present status of the state school laws the report states that the school system is "in a very bad way" and that the State Board of Education to have general supervision and control over the educational interests of the State. This Board has and exercises a general supervision over the schools but the control of the educational interests is by no means in the hands of the State Board. Except in a few instances the control is in the hands of town or district or town authorities.

"Very grave injustice is being done to-day to a large proportion of the children of the State through the inequalities of school opportunity resulting from this system of local management. Partly this injustice is due to the different ability of different communities to maintain suitable schools, partly it is due to indifference and incompetence on the part of local authorities partly it is due to petty and unworthy jealousies. As a result—a large proportion of the children of the State are not getting the education which is their right, support of the schools fails to achieve the purpose for which it is appropriated."

"Many of the school buildings in the smaller towns of the State are old, unclean, offering no proper shelter, poorly heated, unventilated, associated with outbuildings offensive to the senses, buildings which would be a disgrace to an instant in the case of a state prison or county jail. Yet in these hovels are gathered together five or six hours a day the helpless little children whose education the State has assumed to care."

The report goes on to state that many of the schools are poorly equipped, and without reference to material and in many cases the children are without text books, that most of the tools of education are lacking.

"We find," it continues, "that a considerable proportion of the teachers in the Connecticut schools are thoroughly unfit for their positions, that these teachers to whom we take exception are uneducated, without reference to material and in many cases the children are without text books, that most of the tools of education are lacking."

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The report makes 22 recommendations.

tions of which the most important, aside the first, quoted above, follows:

2.—That territorial supervisors be elected or appointed substantially, their duties to be prescribed by the State Board.

3.—That as part of their duties the supervisors shall prescribe examinations suited to pupils in the 8th or higher grades, and issue to pupils satisfactorily passing these examinations diplomas certifying to their attainments.

4.—That after a certain date no teacher not approved by the State Board of Education, shall be appointed to teach school in the State.

5.—That the provisions of the average attendance grant be extended so that in no town shall there be less than \$25 expended annually for each pupil in average attendance in providing for his education.

6.—That after a certain date no school shall be maintained in any town in the State in which the average attendance shall fall below 12 pupils; and pupils belonging to such discontinued schools must be carried to some central school according to the provisions of the School Laws.

Other recommendations call for the maintenance of buildings satisfactory to the supervisor; pupils attend the school nearest their residence irrespective of town lines; calling attention to the laws stating that children between 14 and 16 are not exempt from school attendance unless actually employed at labor; that after a certain date the school committees furnish school supplies; that the course of study include the rudiments of agriculture; that no person related by blood or marriage to any member of the school committee be employed as a teacher by that committee except on the consent of two-thirds thereof; that teachers take an oath of office; that teachers be pensioned.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The sixty-third annual statement of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company appears in to-day's issue and these are the figures that denote some of the elements in the Company's current growth and prosperity. They are notable for many reasons:

Gain in premium income, \$224,449.44; in total income, \$299,588.87; in interest earnings, \$59,007.48; in dividends, \$2,656,719.56; in ledger assets, \$714,395.58; in new insurance over 1907, \$1,320,640.48; in total insurance in force, \$3,778,792.45; in total assets, \$179,797.00; in surplus, \$1,843,371.87.

The Company issued during the year 5,607 policies, on a paid-for basis, for \$13,098,358.48; showing a gain over 1907 of \$1,320,640.48; adding to its insurance \$3,778,792.45; and making a total of 74,886 policies in force for \$178,494,797.48.

This substantial gain represents the difference between the amount insured, increased and revived on a paid-for basis and the terminations from all causes:

Policies issued, increased and revived, \$13,214,057.48; Terminations, \$4,425,265.00; Balance, \$3,778,792.45.

The general agent of this old reliable company is John H. Thompson, New Haven, Ct.

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NOTICE.

BRICK PAVEMENT IN STATE STREET, MAIN STREET TO WATER STREET.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Cost of Construction, | \$4,086.23 |
| One half paid by the City, | \$2,043.11 |
| Amount assessed, | \$2,043.12 |

ASSESSMENT.

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| Julia H. B. Smith, | \$7.92 |
| Pennock National Bank, | \$1.74 |
| Mary Bishop, | \$1.74 |
| Elmer Bernard Klein and Jacob B. Klein, | \$1.74 |
| Mary A. O'Rourke, | \$1.74 |
| Charles M. Blitt, | \$1.74 |
| David Gluck, | \$1.74 |
| August Harter and Mrs. August Harter, | \$1.74 |
| August Lieberman, | \$1.74 |
| Henry Hall Est., | \$1.74 |
| Isadore & Charles Birnbaum & Herman Beck, | \$1.74 |
| Charles Hough, | \$1.74 |
| Sigmund Loewit and Isaac Abraham Frank, | \$1.74 |
| Alice McMahon, and Gertrude McMahon, | \$1.74 |
| Eara I. Dudley, | \$1.74 |
| Roderick J. & Angus MacKenzie, | \$1.74 |
| Elia Laidlaw, | \$1.74 |
| Wm. B. N. Joy & Harriet N. Joy, | \$1.74 |
| George A. Robertson, | \$1.74 |
| and recommended for adoption the following resolution: | \$2,043.11 |
| Resolved, That John M. Donnelly be and hereby is appointed collector of benefits assessed for the construction of said pavement. | \$2,043.11 |
| Adopted February 1st, 1909. | |
| Approved February 2nd, 1909. | |
| Attest: | |
| L. J. GILL, Asst. City Clerk. | |

NOTICE.

WOOD BLOCK PAVEMENT IN BANK STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO BROAD STREET.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

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| Cost of Construction, | \$2,970.58 |
| Less one-half paid by the city, | \$1,485.29 |
| Amount assessed, | \$1,485.29 |

ASSESSMENT.

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| Levi G. Sturdevant, | \$329.65 |
| City of Bridgeport, | \$408.38 |
| First Congregational Society, | \$305.16 |
| Frederick Sailer & Louise L. Sailer, | \$102.18 |
| William T. Isaac P. & E. C. Haviland, | \$164.82 |
| McMahon, Co., & Chester Russell Est., | \$176.60 |
| and recommended for adoption the following resolution: | \$1,485.29 |
| Resolved, That John M. Donnelly be and hereby is appointed collector of benefits assessed for the construction of said pavement. | \$1,485.29 |
| Adopted February 1st, 1909. | |
| Approved February 2nd, 1909. | |
| Attest: | |
| L. J. GILL, Asst. City Clerk. | |

NOTICE.

BRICK PAVEMENT IN BANK STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO WATER STREET.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

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| Cost of Construction, | \$3,023.52 |
| Less one-half paid by the city, | \$1,511.76 |
| Amount assessed, | \$1,511.76 |

ASSESSMENT.

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| Bridgeport National Bank, | \$227.62 |
| First National Bank, | \$204.39 |
| Roderick J. & Angus H. MacKenzie, | \$128.76 |
| Ezra I. Dudley, | \$60.20 |
| Alice McMahon and Gertrude McMahon, | \$48.20 |
| Abraham Frank, | \$47.99 |
| Elze Delibero, | \$140.96 |
| Charles Hough, | \$86.26 |
| John H. Daskan, | \$86.24 |
| Frederick L. Uhle, | \$145.68 |
| Mary J. O'Connor Est., | \$74.98 |
| Harry Blitt, | \$133.91 |
| Dwight Billings, | \$43.50 |
| H. Foster and Mrs. John E. Foster, | \$64.84 |
| and recommended for adoption the following resolution: | \$1,511.76 |
| Resolved, That John M. Donnelly be and hereby is appointed collector of benefits assessed for the construction of said pavement. | \$1,511.76 |
| Adopted February 1, 1909. | |
| Approved February 2, 1909. | |
| Attest: | |
| L. J. GILL, Asst. City Clerk. | |

NOTICE.

SEWER IN MILL HILL AVENUE CONNECTING WITH THE GRANT STREET SEWER, AND RUNNING NORTHERLY TO BOSTON AVENUE.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

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| Cost of Construction, | \$3,438.12 |
| Less one-fourth paid by City, | \$859.53 |
| Amount assessed, | \$2,578.59 |

ASSESSMENTS.

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| Bridgeport Hospital, | \$190.00 |
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NOTICE.

SEWER IN SEAVIEW AVENUE, BOSTON AVENUE AND SHERIDAN STREET, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 1275 FEET.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

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| Cost of Construction, | \$2,152.09 |
| Less one-fourth paid by City, | \$538.07 |
| Amount assessed, | \$1,614.02 |

ASSESSMENTS.

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| Joseph Kochis, | \$31.80 |
| John Andrew Grive, | \$31.80 |
| Mike Tabak, | \$31.80 |
| John Basca, | \$31.80 |
| Andrew John Koracks, | \$31.80 |
| William J. Nichols and Adolf Sherman, | \$31.80 |
| Anna Wypy, | \$31.80 |
| Albert J. Williams, | \$31.80 |
| Marie C. Peterson, | \$31.80 |
| George H. Peterson, | \$31.80 |
| Annie K. Donald, | \$31.80 |
| John Polka, | \$31.80 |
| Joseph L. Nishball, | \$31.80 |
| William J. Nichols and Adolf Sherman, | \$31.80 |
| Andrew Bailey, | \$31.80 |
| Marie C. Peterson, | \$31.80 |
| James G. Johnson, | \$31.80 |
| Nicholas Huwiler, | \$31.80 |
| Marie Dorak, | \$31.80 |
| Michael Nimick, | \$31.80 |
| John Halsek, | \$31.80 |
| Stephen and Barbara Bayus, | \$31.80 |
| William J. Nichols and Adolf Sherman, | \$31.80 |
| Palatze Bucher, | \$31.80 |
| Martin Bucher, | \$31.80 |
| William J. Nichols and Adolf Sherman, | \$31.80 |
| Karl J. Obruchay, Christiana Obruchay, | \$45.51 |
| William J. Nichols and Minnie L. Nichols, | \$79.51 |
| William J. and Minnie L. Nichols, | \$79.51 |
| William D. Wells, | \$97.55 |
| and recommended for adoption the following resolution: | \$1,614.02 |
| Resolved, That John M. Donnelly be and hereby is appointed collector of benefits assessed for the construction of said sewer. | \$1,614.02 |
| Adopted February 1, 1909. | |
| Assessed February 2, 1909. | |
| Attest: | |
| L. J. GILL, Asst. City Clerk. | |

NOTICE.

BRICK PAVEMENT IN CANNON STREET FROM BROAD STREET TO COURTLAND STREET.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

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| Cost of Construction, | \$8,419.41 |
| Less one-half paid by City, | \$4,209.71 |
| Amount assessed, | \$4,209.70 |

ASSESSMENTS.

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| Frederick and Louise L. Sailer, | \$243.10 |
| Blue Ribbon Auto & Car Co., | \$51.07 |
| F. A. Parson and Mrs. F. A. Parson, | \$188.21 |
| Wilbur A. Smith, | \$124.43 |
| Edmund Warren, | \$190.10 |
| J. A. Thomas, | \$102.23 |
| Elizabeth C. Smith Est., | \$261.32 |
| Charles Y. Beach, | \$46.66 |
| Ella Beach, | \$7.32 |
| Lucy M. Shelton, | \$39.89 |
| Hamilton S. Shelton, | \$84.44 |
| Forrester F. and Thomas E. Bishop, | \$228.21 |
| Alice M. Benham, | \$286.87 |
| Isaac T. Banks, | \$147.99 |
| Hattie F. Edwards, | \$166.68 |
| Bridgeport Patent Leather Mfg. Co., | \$402.13 |
| Spring Perch Co., | \$236.21 |
| Edward L. Wakelee, | \$114.44 |
| White Mfg. Co., | \$168.44 |
| Enoch P. Hincks and George H. Johnson, | \$506.18 |
| City of Bridgeport, | \$66.65 |
| and recommended for adoption the following resolution: | \$4,209.70 |
| Resolved, That John M. Donnelly be and hereby is appointed collector of benefits assessed for the construction of said pavement. | \$4,209.70 |
| Adopted February 1, 1909. | |
| Approved February 2, 1909. | |
| Attest: | |
| L. J. GILL, Asst. City Clerk. | |

NOTICE.

SEWER IN MILL HILL AVENUE CONNECTING WITH THE GRANT STREET SEWER, AND RUNNING NORTHERLY TO BOSTON AVENUE.

In compliance with votes taken by the Common Council at a meeting held February 1, 1909, the following report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages was adopted:

STATEMENT.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Cost of Construction, | \$3,438.12 |
| Less one-fourth paid by City, | \$859.53 |
| Amount assessed, | \$2,578.59 |

ASSESSMENTS.

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| Bridgeport Hospital, | \$190.00 |
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